1	2	3	4
3.	Chittor	587	596
4.	Cuddapah	453	348
5.	East Godavari	804	141
6.	Guntur	619	400
7.	Karimnagar	532	335
8.	Khammam	327	270
9.	Krishna	784	277
10.	Kurnool	561	334
11.	Mahabubnagar	443	822
12.	Medak	463	607
13.	Nalgonda	428	557
14.	Nellore	426	512
15.	Nizamabad	309	295
16.	Prakasam	294	636
17.	Rangareddy	427	454
18.	Srikakulam	519	638
19.	Visakhapatnam	557	209
20.	Vizianagaram	397	533
21.	Warangal	432	262
22.	West Godavari	754	209
	Total	10,912	9,241

Statement-II

No. of calls	*Rate of charges*
1-250	Free
251-450	Re. 0.60 (per unit call)
451-500	Re. 0.80 "
501-1000	Re. 1.00 "
1001-2000	Re. 1.25 "
Above-2000	Re. 1.40 "

Rent :—

	Exchange system covering the rural	*bimonthly rental (Rs.)*
1.	Exchange systems of less than 1000 lines	100
2.	Exchange systems of 1000 lines and above but below 30000 lines	200
3.	Exchange systems of 30000 lines and above but below 1 lakh lines	275
4.	Exchange systems of 1 lakh lines and above but below 3 lakh lines	360
5.	Exchange systems of 3 lakh lines and above	380

[Translation]

Iron Ore Reserve in Bihar

4158. SHRI BRIJ MOHAN RAM : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the iron ore reserve in Sua village of Daltanganj, district Palamu, Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the exploration work is likely to be started in this area?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Exploration for iron ore was undertaken during the seventies and a reserve of 1,35,000 tonnes was estimated. Poor quality and low reserves do not warrant further exploration.

[English]

Doordarshan Studio/Kendras, Tripura

4159. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN :
SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Doordarshan Kendra at Agartala has been upgraded with the opening of a studio for production of programmes there;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether important events/functions in Tripura and Calcutta are also broadcast from the above Kendra;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government also propose to start new Kendras in Tripura; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A studio of about 108 Sq.m. area with associated technical area has been commissioned at Agartala in November, 1992.

(c) and (d) Important functions/events in its service region are duly covered/telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Agartala.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Funds for Tourism Development

4160. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government provide funds directly

at its own level or against the proposals received from the States for tourism development; and

(b) the funds provided by the Union Government at its own level during the last three years, State-wise/ UT-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) The Department of Tourism, Government of India extends central financial assistance to specific projects submitted by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations based on their merits, inter se priority and availability of funds.

(b) The central financial assistance provided to State Governments/Union Territories for the last three years is provided in the enclosed Statement.

Statements

		Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in Lakhs)		
S.No.	State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	114.28	174.64	13.46
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	45.40	-	52.26
3.	Assam	78.11	52.99	70.24
4.	Bihar	53.61	112.12	116.52
5.	Goa	78.82	162.07	221.55
6.	Gujarat	65.76	21.19	7.93
7.	Haryana	223.21	188.96	119.45
8.	Himachal Pradesh	349.28	368.85	373.39
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	225.60	215.98	150.30
10.	Karnataka	177.44	229.96	229.36
11.	Kerala	97.40	307.05	209.94
12.	Madhya Pradesh	31.57	9.32	-
13.	Maharashtra	309.31	273.46	83.64
14.	Manipur	45.50	4.00	75.81
15.	Meghalaya	1.85	-	4.08
16.	Mizoram	88.18	111.80	100.86
17.	Nagaland	16.66	36.43	51.60
18.	Orissa	101.52	166.31	103.86
19.	Punjab	186.67	136.71	139.49
20.	Rajasthan	260.43	662.78	164.65
21.	Sikkim	130.89	49.07	24.61
22.	Tamil Nadu	402.45	145.72	250.11
23.	Tripura	15.07	46.61	33.43
24.	Uttar Pradesh	151.04	223.80	26.21
25.	West Bengal	167.30	144.01	191.10
	Union Territories			
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	53.47	-	45.00
2.	Chandigarh	18.66	64.66	17.20
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-	23.62	-
4.	Daman and Diu	12.03	42.31	44.21
5.	Delhi	117.23	116.50	28.23
6.	Lakshadweep	-	19.95	24.65
7.	Pondicherry	29.75	-	28.12
	Total	3648.49	4110.87	3009.31

[English]

Introduction of Shatabdi Express between Salem and Bangalore

4161. SHRI K. KANDASAMY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the necessity of starting a Shatabdi Express between Salem and Bangalore via Dharmapuri; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) It has been decided to introduce a Shatabdi Express between Bangalore and Coimbatore via Dharmapuri and Salem during 1997-98.

Consumption of Coal by Steel Plants

4162. SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of coking coal consumed by the integrated steel plants in the country during 1995-96;

(b) the quantity of coking coal imported during 1995-96 and the average cost thereof per MT;

(c) the quantity of low ash coal from Assam consumed by the steel industry in 1995-96 and the average cost thereof per MT;

(d) whether there is scope for increasing the consumption of Assam coal by the integrated steel plants so as to reduce imports of coking coal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) The total quantity of coking coal consumed by the integrated steel plants in the country during 1995-96 is as below :

	(In million tonnes)
SAIL	13.890
VSP	3.427
TISCO	2.872